

# SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

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## STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION/U.N. Debts to the United States

**SUBJECT:** Foreign Relations Revitalization Act of 1995 . . . S. 908. Helms modified amendment No. 2026 to the Dole amendment No. 2025.

### ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 94-2

**SYNOPSIS:** As reported, S. 908, the Foreign Relations Revitalization Act of 1995, will streamline foreign policy operations. It will abolish the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), the Agency for International Development (AID), and the United States Information Agency (USIA), and will give the State Department responsibility for their functions. The bill will authorize \$23.5 billion in total over the next 4 years, for an estimated savings of \$3.66 billion.

The Dole amendment would fence \$3.5 million of the \$7 million authorized in the bill for funding for international conferences until the Secretary of State certified that no funds available to the Department of State were obligated or expended for United States participation in the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women while Harry Wu, a United States citizen, was detained by the People's Republic of China. If the Secretary were unable to make that certification, the withheld funds would be returned to the U.S. Treasury.

**The Helms modified amendment** would require that at least \$10 million of the funds authorized for assessed contributions to the United Nations (section 201) and for international conferences and commissions (section 301) be withheld until the Secretary of State reports to Congress: the names of diplomatic personnel accredited to the United Nations or foreign missions to the United Nations who have accrued overdue debts to businesses and individuals in the United States; and that the United Nations Secretary General is cooperating fully with the United States or is taking effective steps on his own, including publishing the names of debtors, to resolve overdue debts owed by diplomats and missions accredited to the United Nations.

**Those favoring** the amendment contended:

Hiding behind the shield of diplomatic immunity, deadbeat diplomats posted to the United Nations have accrued more than \$9

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YEAS (94)				NAYS (2)		NOT VOTING (4)	
Republican (51 or 98%)		Democrats (43 or 98%)		Republicans (1 or 2%)	Democrats (1 or 2%)	Republicans (2)	Democrats (2)
Abraham	Hutchison	Akaka	Inouye	Hatfield	Simon	Gramm <sup>-2</sup>	Biden <sup>-2</sup>
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Baucus	Johnston			Murkowski <sup>-2</sup>	Exon <sup>-2</sup>
Bennett	Jeffords	Bingaman	Kennedy				
Bond	Kassebaum	Boxer	Kerrey				
Brown	Kempthorne	Bradley	Kerry				
Burns	Kyl	Breaux	Kohl				
Campbell	Lott	Bryan	Lautenberg				
Chafee	Lugar	Bumpers	Leahy				
Coats	Mack	Byrd	Levin				
Cochran	McCain	Conrad	Lieberman				
Cohen	McConnell	Daschle	Mikulski				
Coverdell	Nickles	Dodd	Moseley-Braun				
Craig	Packwood	Dorgan	Moynihan				
D'Amato	Pressler	Feingold	Murray				
DeWine	Roth	Feinstein	Nunn				
Dole	Santorum	Ford	Pell				
Domenici	Shelby	Glenn	Pryor				
Faircloth	Simpson	Graham	Reid				
Frist	Smith	Harkin	Robb				
Gorton	Snowe	Heflin	Rockefeller				
Grams	Specter	Hollings	Sarbanes				
Grassley	Stevens		Wellstone				
Gregg	Thomas						
Hatch	Thompson						
Helms	Thurmond						
	Warner						

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

1—Official Business  
2—Necessarily Absent  
3—Illness  
4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

AY—Announced Yea  
AN—Announced Nay  
PY—Paired Yea  
PN—Paired Nay

million in delinquent debts to U.S. banks, landlords, hospitals, hotels, utility companies, and merchants in New York City, according to a United Nations report. Thirty-one missions have contributed to the debt, but five missions alone are responsible for 83 percent of it. Though the United Nations kept the names of those five nations secret, they reportedly are Sierra Leone, Congo, Zaire, Liberia, and the Central African Republic. Secretary General Boutros Ghali has suggested forming a working group to discuss the problem. We see no reason for a new layer of bureaucracy--there is really nothing to discuss. The names of the deadbeats should be published and they should be forced to pay up. The Helms amendment would have the United States withhold \$10 million from the United Nations until such time as it is willing to put pressure on diplomats to pay their bills, including by publishing the names of deadbeats. We trust our colleagues agree with this approach, and will join us in voting in favor of the Helms amendment.

**No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.**